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EDITORIALS

A CRITICAL MOMENT

As tempted as we are to devote this space to the interesting internal political situation in the United States, and the role Virginia can and must play in the coming Presidential election, we must admit that the fate of our nation is rather being weighed today in far off Berlin.

So worsened have become our relations with Russia, that no internal issue can compare with the immediate issue of peace or war.

The situation in Berlin is so explosive that a shooting war can begin in a matter of hours.

As we pray for peace, we must try to understand the critical picture abroad:

1. In the closing months of the late war, there was a great feeling of confidence in the Russians and genuine hopes for lasting peace.

1. Now—too late— we see that one of the greatest mistakes of all time was order to General Patton's fabulous Third Army to cool its heels and let the Russians get to Berlin FIRST. Patton could have captured and possessed Berlin. We would be in the driver's seat today in Europe. We acted out the comic strip rules of Alphonso and Gaston and waited around for the Red Army go get the FIRST PRIZE. We made the same mistake in World War I. Then we stopped short of true victory, and did not go on to Berlin at all. The Russians are in Berlin today as a GIFT of our top command in the last hours of the last war. It was a mistake.

3. A further mistake was made in not providing supply corridors for each of the occupying powers in to the German city.

4. Although spectacular and heroic, and of propaganda value, the "air lift" into Berlin is at best a makeshift. Sooner or later it will break down. Russia has the means of breaking up our supply attempts any time she so wishes.

5. What will happen when we begin losing men and planes over Berlin nobody knows. We are now nearer to war than we realize.

6. To "save face" we can propose that all four of the occupying powers get out of Berlin, and the city be turned over to a United Nations Commission. That would be a safe "out" for us, but there is slight chance the Reds would agree.

7. If we wish to "back down" in Berlin, perhaps Russia would agree to get out of Vienna if we get out of Berlin. That would be a poor swap, and would postpone, not cure our problems.

9. In the light of this darksome picture, we feel that it is best that Congress be in session until it is settled. We hope for the best, but the hours are frightfully explosive. And now, we give you below some editorial opinion from other papers on the internal political situation:—

EXTRACTS FROM COMMENT ON TRUMAN NOMINATION

From New York World-Telegram

A divided and unhappy Democratic party renominated President Truman * * * in what had been a feuding, frustrated and badly managed convention.

He (the President) spoke to them as a fighting party leader, taking the offensive against the Republicans.

Here before them was their political chief, a man who had been scorned and derided for weeks by state and city bosses of his own party seeking a candidate to replace him * * * A man who had been ridiculed as being inept in politics, but who had proved the master of his critics. * *

He announced - the big sensation of his speech - that he was calling the Congress back into session July 26, to lay before it a program which he said would test the sincerity of the Republican platform promises. * * *

Even though the Democrats neglected many of these same problems in the fifteen years they were in control of Congress, the President has put the Republicans on the spot by calling upon them to make good on their platform pledges in advance of the election.

From the Atlanta Journal—

President Truman's convention speech bristled with defiance, fighting spirit and seeming confidence. . . It is obvious his strategy is based on the theory that a powerful offensive is the best defense, and intends to fight it out on that line in the three and one-half months between now and the day of decision.

The President's courage, which shone through the inter - party strife when he was under the bitterest attack, gave a stirring overtone to his address to the convention and, we believe, is certain to win him new friends and recapture some of those who have on the point of desertion.

To that courage Presi lent Truman added a quality new to him. That was his audacity.

—From the Miami Herald:

President Truman and Alben Barkley typify the sixteen years of Democratic regime. They can present their case as well as any.None could identify the Republicans with the mistakes and - such as failure of housing legislation - better than they On the other hand, they present themselves to the younger Tom Dewey and Earle Warren as specific targets for the sixteen years of the Democratic regime.* *

—Houston, Texas, Chronicle:

Virtually predestined nominees have been chosen * * not without casualties.

The speech made it no easier for the South to find a way of living with the Democratic ticket during the Presidential campaign and at the time of the November election. * * * Our differences have been settled in a democratic way. We ought to get together and beat the common enemy. * *

— From Chicago Tribune

A sullen and apathetic party found it would have to put up with Truman after all ..Truman damned everything the Eighthiest Congress had done .. In call ur Congress back into session July 26, Truman had a bright idea ..therefore, said Truman, let the Republicans show their sincerity by legislating in special session on these subjects - civil rights, public housing, Federal aid to education, an expanded social security system, public power, inflation, tax-supported medicine .. Mr. Truman thus fixed the campaign on his own terms .. Governor Dewey, as the (Republican) party's Presidential nominee and titular head, has been relegated to the side lines in the campaign battle. Mr. Truman made the Republicans in the Senate and the House his adversaries and they must wage the fight. That means that the campaign in reality is between Truman and Senator Taft, the intellectual and moral leader of the Republicans. Once more, the Republicans have been caught with the wrong candidate.

—From San Francisco Chronicle

In ... winning the nomination he (President Truman) received no more than a mark of recognition to which he was entitled.

The President, in his summoning message, cited as his principal reasons a number of domestic projects to which the Republican party committed itself in its 1948 platform. He says he wants to get their projects rolling. That was a piece of political maneuvering, pure and simple.

As we see it, the guidance of the nation through the next few precarious weeks of international events is worth the full attention of both the President and Congress. So we ask the President to lay aside, for the time being, his burning ambition to have at the political opposition, and give his full time and energy to the lowering storm clouds abroad.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: I Samuel 18-20; 23-25-31; II Samuel 1:17-27, 2:1-7.
DEVOTIONAL READING: I Corinthians 13:1-13

Jonathan, Loyal Friend

Lesson for July 25, 1948

Dr. Newton

WELL might we term this a lesson on the facets of friendship. Rarely will one come upon such a splendid example of friendship in all literature. Coleridge put it well when he wrote, "Friendship is a sheltering tree." Diogenes Laertius, writing on Aristotle, says, "He was once asked what a friend is, and his answer was, 'One soul abiding in two bodies.'"

Such was the friendship of Jonathan and David—a sheltering tree—one soul abiding in two bodies. Although Jonathan's father attempted at least ten times to kill David, Jonathan was drawn the closer to David, with whose soul his was knit.

The record of this friendship is found in our scripture and devotional readings for the lesson, with the golden text from Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loveth at all times."

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A PRINCE SHARES WITH A SHEPHERD

JONATHAN was the crown prince apparent. David was a shepherd boy. Saul expected to place Jonathan on the throne. God had selected David.

Jonathan would, no doubt, have made a better king than Saul, his father; but he had no desire to be king when he discovered the kingly qualities in his friend, David. Not once did Jonathan ever indicate any disappointment in not becoming king.

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JONATHAN STANDS UP FOR HIS FRIEND

WHEN Saul openly plotted the death of David, Jonathan begged his father to reconsider his course and spare the life of the man who had killed Goliath and had proved himself a valiant friend of Saul. This was the final test of Jonathan's sacrificial love for David. He might have remained silent, thus aiding in the death of the one man who stood between him and the throne. But Jonathan was made of the stout texture which counts no sacrifice too dear for a friend. He was willing to stand up and be counted when it meant that he would not become king. Thus we see that true friendship is not always easy. It usually is very costly, but it pays big dividends in the coin of eternal wealth.

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FRIENDSHIP THAT COSTS

AND like as Jonathan stood up and witnessed his lasting friendship for David, at a very great cost, so are we today summoned to this ennobling type of friendship for Christ. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you," said once said.

Young people find it rather costly to be loyal friends of Christ today. There are many siren voices that invite young people to take the low road—social drinking, gambling devices of one sort and another, satisfaction of sensual desires. But the true friend of Christ will withstand these voices, choosing rather the high road of Christian gentlemen.

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SACRIFICIAL FRIENDSHIP

"FRIENDSHIP is the loveliest flower in the garden of humanity," according to my estimable friend, Dr. Hight C. Moore. I would add this thought—true friendship flowers in the garden of humanity, but it finds its life in the Garden of God's Perfect Eden.

I have not known one single friendship that has impressed me that did not stem from above. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" And the only cement that will hold human hearts together —one soul in two bodies—is the grace of God.

"Friendship is as God, who gives and asks no payment," said Richard Hovey, and not until the human will is yielded to the will of God, even as was the will of Jonathan, can sacrificial friendship come to flower and to harvest.

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Magic Ministery

A club of ministers who use magic to illustrate religious lessons has been formed under the name of "Magi-Ministers." Most of the members practice amateur magic. One of their favorite tricks is the passing of a handkerchief through a tube marked "Church" which changes its color from black to white, illustrating how a blackened soul may be cleansed of sin.

Steel workers get pay boost of 13 cents an hour, but it means another increase to the consumer in the price of steel and of products made of steel.

Sweet corn doubles in ten years on Virginia farms.

Rakes starts his prison term.

"Woodpecker haircut" is Hollywood's latest.

General Hershey again heads draft set-up.

Migration of Mennonites

Just as their forefathers migrated 150 years ago, so a little band of 51 Mennonites—a religious sect which abhors military force—has begun a migration to Asencion, Paraguay, in search of a new homeland. This first group traveled via clipper plane from Miami, Fla., and is the vanguard of 1,700 Mennonites who will follow to the South American country, where the religious sect which owns no authority but the Bible and the conscience will take up new lives. Theodore of the group explained their position: "I owned 480 acres of land in Manitoba, Canada," he said. "It wasn't rich land but I made a living. We worked hard. But we cannot carry arms." In Paraguay they have been assured by the government they will be given complete freedom.

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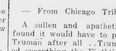

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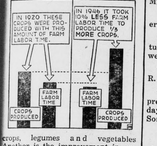
Farm Topics

Research Improves Average Crop Yield

Better Machinery and Fertiilzer Aid Advance

Farms now are growing about a third more crops than in 1920 and getting the job done in about 10 per cent less time, according to U. S. Department of agriculture statistics.

Several factors have made this record possible. One has been the research work of plant breeders in developing heavier yielding, hardier varieties of corn, small grains, root



crops, legumes and vegetables Another is the improvement in machines that helps farmers do more work in a day. A third has been the increasing use of commercial fertilizer and a better knowledge of how to use it.

Even with increasing use of fertilizer, the bigger per acre yields from improved crop varieties are being obtained at the expense of the soil's plant food and organic matter supply, warns Middle West Soil Improvement committee.

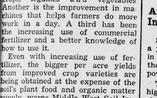
"Unless this drain is offset by fertility building practices that put back needed nutrients and replenish organic matter," the committee says, "worn out soils and lower yields will be the eventual result on millions of farms."

Vitamin D Will Prevent Development of Rickets

Like the old fallacy about locking the stable after the horse is stolen, treating calves for rickets after they have them is not the same as preventing the disease.

A nutritional disease, rickets are caused by a deficiency of vitamin D in the diet. The animal is unable to store sufficient mineral in the bones, which thus become soft. The bones bend under the weight of the animal, causing bowed legs, knock knees, roached back, low loin, dropped tail head and depression behind the withers. Once these deformities occur, they cannot be corrected.

Dream For a Shop



Well designed work bench and tool panel. Each tool has a special field place on the panel and is within easy reach of the workman. Storage space beneath the bench holds small parts or equipment.

Hay Prod Thermometer Permits Constant Check

Fred Roth, farm safety specialist at Michigan State college, advises construction of a simple hay prod thermometer.

When hay is stored with more than 20 per cent moisture content, danger of heating in the mow is present unless a mow drier is being used. Even small amounts of damp hay, if concentrated in one spot, may cause heating in a limited area.

As heating of the hay can extend over a considerable time, continual checking is advised for two months after hay is put into the mow.

An inexpensive hay prod thermometer consists of 10 feet of one-half inch electrical conduit with an oak or ash point on one end to permit driving into the hay. Six one-quarter inch holes should be punched in the conduit above the point. A dairy thermometer on a string then is put into the conduit. A rubber pad at the bottom of the tube will keep the thermometer from breaking.

Fresh Paint Will Cause Lead Poisoning in Cattle

Spring time on the farm may mean lead poisoning time if cattle get near freshly painted buildings, University of Illinois veterinarians point out. Paint is by far the most common source of lead poisoning in cattle. Cows and calves are fond of licking paint, especially fresh paint from barns, stables, fences or even paint cans and buckets. Old paint cans should be disposed of.

Try a Classified Ad.

Hixburg

Hixburg, July 19.- Herbert Gillam and his son-in-law, L. A. Griffin, of Statesville, N. C. will be guests at the home of E. P. Sears this week-end.

Miss Gertrude Sears, assastant dietitician at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond, returned to that city last Tuesday after a month's vacation at home.

Mrs. McClintic (nee Bessie Bristow) visited in the neighborhood last week.

Mrs. Lester Sears returne t Sunday after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Ramsey, of Phoenix Va.

Wm Corman was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips last week.

Harwood Hix returned Saturday after attending a house party at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Willis Hix has had electric milkers installed.

E. P. Sears is having water fixtures installed in his house this week.

We are glad to learn that Jack R. Marshall is improving.

The Rev. John S. Moore will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday evening, July 25, at 8 o'clock. Song service will begin at 7:45.

Artifical Sahara Desert Increases Life of Powder

Skeet and trap-shooters can thank a year-round artificial Sahara desert in an Illinois ammunition plant for the stability of the smokeless ball powder used in their shot shells.

This artificial Sahara is a 10-foot high cylinder called a "surveillance chamber" in which powder is premature aged under the speed-up conditions of a constant 150½ degree Fahrenheit temperature.

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1947 Railroad Employment

Railroad employment in 1947 averaged 1,352,000, or about 7,000 fewer persons than were employed by the industry in 1946. The railroad payroll in 1947 aggregated 4,350, million dollars, the greatest in history, and an increase of 180 million dollars over 1946. The average straight time hourly rate of pay crossed the one dollar mark for the first time in 1946, when it stood at 111.7 cents per hour. The average for the year 1947 as a whole was 117.5 cents per hour, while the rate at the end of 1947—reflecting increases made effective during the latter part of the year—averaged about 129.7 cents per hour. The straight time rate of pay of railroad employees averaged 74.0 cents per hour in 1939. The average at the end of 1947 was thus nearly one-and-three-quarters times that of 1939.

Benjamin Franklin on Freedom

Benjamin Franklin's whole life was an expression of the philosophy that man's mind ought to be allowed to range at liberty and that there should be no persecution of sincere ideas and beliefs, whether expressed in speech, in printing, or in the pulpit. He first put this into words on the occasion when his brother James was thrown into jail for writing mocking articles against the Boston authorities. Left in charge of his brother's newspaper, the young Benjamin, then 16 years old, wrote the eighth of the papers which he signed with the name of "Dogood". He expressed his sentiments by quoting the following lines from the London Journal: "Without freedom of thought there can be no such thing as wisdom; and no such things as public liberty without freedom of speech."

Efforts made to avert strike of Ford workers.

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Rocks

Rocks, July 19.- The ladies are busy canning berries.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin and daughter, Donna Lee left for Greenbelt, Maryland, last Sunday morning, after spending a week here.

Herbert Gowin and Loyd Richardson inished painting Lewis Dickerson's dwelling house last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Adkinson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge went to Holliday Lake one afternoon recently.

Mrs. H. W. Ransom and children spent last Tuesday at Appomattox with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge.

Mrs. Amos Kress, who hurt her hip when she fell from a bus the other day, is still going to see the doctor.

A large crowd was at Rocks yesterday for Sunday School and preaching.

Visitors present there were Dean Pugh from Central Church, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and son, Danny of Falling River Church, Miss Mary Williams from near Gladys, Va., and Buddy Ray Thompson of Lynchburg, and some others from Farmville.

Friends were shocked to hear of the death of C. M. Redd, of Farmville.

Quite a few are planning to attend the meeting at the Evergreen Baptist Church next week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams and son, Steve, of Waynesboro, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Winston Ranson was visiting his sister, Mrs. Woodrow Fleshman, of near Central recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

The B. T. U. members went on a picnic to Natural Bridge Saturday afternoon.

Miss Etta Ranson and Miss Annie C. Martin are leaving today for Massanetta Springs, where they will spend this week attending the B. T. U. Conference.

Buddy Roy Thompson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with William Carroll Ranson.

Evergreen

Evergreen, July 19.- Hector Cawthorn, of Roanoke spent the week end here with his sister, Mrs. Sam Jennings.

Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham was in Lynchburg last Tuesday.

Miss Jane Harris spent last week with her aunt and family, Mrs. B. B. Harris.

Mrs. J. C. Staples celebrated her birthday Thursday. Her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam White, of Lynchburg, gave her a little surprise party.

Al Gibson and son, Junior, of Washington were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner.

Mrs. W. R. Cheadle and granddaughter, Alice, of Hurtsville spent last week with her sister, Mrs. W. R. Baldwin.

Rev. Simpson preached a fine sermon here at the Methodist Church Sunday night.

Mrs. B. E. Couch, of Richmond, is spending a few days now with Mrs. Howard Glover and family.

John Farrar is improving after a spell of flu.

Mrs. Luke Ferguson, of Appomattox called to see Mrs. J. R. Conner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover are spending a days this week with J. W. Glover and family, of Crewe.

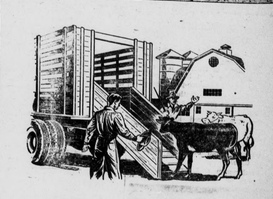
Mrs. Franklin, of Lynchburg, spent last week with her son and family, Jessie Franklin.

Henry Staples, Jr., who has been sick is better at this writing.

Miss Jackie White was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Bessie Ann Glover.

Wayne Lee Griggs, of Phoebus, is visiting his aunt, Miss Blanche Evans and other relatives around here.

Housing bill to be an issue before special session of Congress



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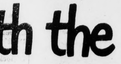

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